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South Vietnam: Battalion-size attacks by the Viet Cong continue at their highest rate ever.

According to press reports, Viet Cong forces yesterday ambushed a government convoy and a relief column in the lower delta region 120 miles southwest of Saigon. The previous day a large Viet Cong force, estimated to be of battalion strength, nearly overran a paramilitary headquarters about 55 miles south of Saigon.

Since 1 July, there have been eight confirmed battalion-strength Viet Cong attacks, plus three additional company-size attacks. Other Viet Cong activity last week reached the highest level noted since the period immediately following Diem's overthrow.

The Viet Cong will probably maintain an intensified rate of activity at least through the remainder of July as they attempt to support propaganda themes marking the tenth anniversary of the Geneva Accords.

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